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CIA-School Ties Upheld

A federal court ruled that the CIA can keep its relationships with universities secret because of the danger that disclosure would pose to the agency's intelligence operations. Information of a specific school's relationship with the spy agency can help foreign intelligence organizations, said a unanimous three-judge appeals court panel. The judges, upholding a lower court decision, turned down a Freedom of Information Act request from a UCLA student. The student sought disclosure of past and present arrangements and relationships between the CIA and the 11 University of California campuses. The CIA refused to confirm or deny any covert connections with the California universities.